

BRITAIN QUEUES UP IN MILLIONS ON GAS MASK SUNDAY

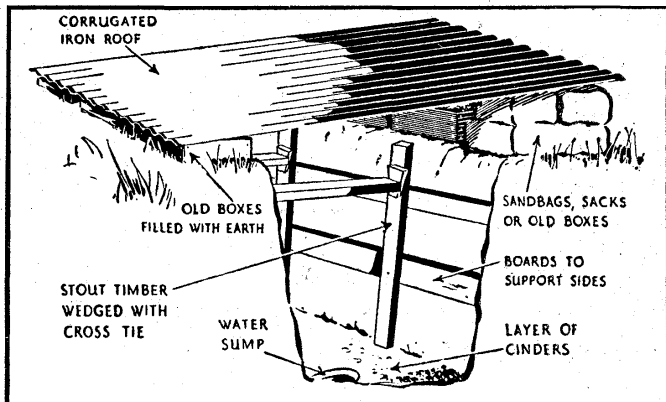
Dug-Outs Built in London Parks

Main attraction to visitors to London parks this week-end has been a number of dug-outs being built to give shelter to people who may find themselves trapped in the open spaces if war comes.

Couples walking through Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens and Green Park stopped their talk and laughter as they came upon the crowds that surrounded these human "warrens" being built for their protection.

Men employed by the Office of Works started building six of the park dug-outs at the end of last week. Three of them are in Kensington Gardens, within a stone's throw of the Albert Hall.

These first six dug-outs, which may be the forerunners of more elaborate ones—if plans proposed by the Office of Works go through—are expected to be completed by the end of this week.



YOU CAN MAKE IT IN YOUR GARDEN.—This sketch shows you how you can rapidly make in your garden an emergency trench which will hold six people. It is drawn from designs prepared at the Home Office.

Here are the dimensions: 4ft. 6in. deep; 4ft. 6in. wide at the top, narrowing to 3ft. 6in. at the bottom; for six people it should be 10ft. long.

If possible, it should be 20ft. from any building, so that wreckage won't fall on it.

PATRIOT'S CRY: "CALL PARLIAMENT"

IMMEDIATE summoning of Parliament and insistence on the democratic control of foreign policy are among the demands made in a message issued yesterday to the people of Wales.

Lord Davies, millionaire Welsh patriot and one of the founders of the League of Nations Union, is chief signatory to the appeal, which was formulated on Saturday at a special meeting in Shrewsbury of the executive committee of the Welsh National Council of the League of Nations Union, over which Lord Davies presided.

The message urges that the League of Nations should be called in to deal with the dispute between Germany and Czechoslovakia, with or without the consent of Hitler and that in the event of the invasion of Czechoslovakia Britain—in company with France, Russia and other members of the League—should come to the assistance of the victim of aggression.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Liberal M.P., declared at Wolverhampton last night:

"A new National Government should be formed, including Mr. Eden, Mr. Churchill and perhaps Lord Baldwin, and containing also the Liberal and Labour leaders in order to save the country and save the world."



MASK SUNDAY

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

YESTERDAY WAS GAS MASK SUNDAY THROUGHOUT BRITAIN.

HALF THE POPULATION OF THE MAIN CITIES AND TOWNS HAD BEEN FITTED WITH GAS MASKS BY A LATE HOUR. FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY CAME REPORTS THAT THE PEOPLE HAD ACCEPTED CALMLY THE CALL TO BE PREPARED, HAD CO-OPERATED WITH OFFICIALS AND HELPED TO MAKE THEIR TASK EASIER.

The call to the people had been well organised. On Saturday notices were flashed on cinema screens asking audiences to attend for gas-mask fitting at various centres, police vans toured the streets spreading the news by loud-speaker. Football crowds also were told. Announcements were made from pulpits yesterday.

An A.R.P. official with national experience estimated late last night that nearly 3,000,000 people had been fitted in London alone, and that over the whole of the country the figure must have passed 10,000,000. Churches and cinemas were half empty, and those people who did visit them hurried away to join the tail of the queues at the gas-mask centres.

In some instances children in the London suburbs were actually fitted with their gas-masks while in Sunday school.

Harassed officials and police, toward midnight, found the crowds growing larger, and advised many hundreds of people not to wait, but to return in the morning.

In Mayfair

In the West End of London workers from humble homes rubbed shoulders in the queues with Society people.

At Devonshire House, in the heart of Mayfair, debutantes and shopgirls worked side by side as volunteers in the gas-mask fitting centres.

Activity in Hendon was typical of the preparations in other parts of London.

Thousands of A.R.P. volunteers streamed into Hendon Town Hall, and masks were fitted at all Council schools.

Boy Scouts were called out to act as despatch riders and help deal with inquiries. Nearly 1,000 air-raid wardens were enrolled and hundreds of volunteers for other departments.

Here is news of the day from other London centres:

Wandsworth.—Six gas mask fitting stations opened at Wandsworth Town Hall, Putney Library, Tooting Baths, Streatham Baths, Balham Baths, and Clapham Baths. Steady rush of people to be fitted.

Early Morning Queue

Battersea.—Regular flow of people at the Town Hall to be fitted with gas masks. Many children.

St. Pancras.—Six new fitting stations for gas masks to be opened to-day for the fitting of 189,000 respirators.

Tottenham.—Thirty fitting stations. People queuing up long before they were opened in the early hours.

Camberwell.—Every one of the twenty centres literally besieged. Crowd at one time estimated at 5,000.

Croydon.—Eight hundred volunteers within

Fitted for a Mask at 102

Among thousands who were fitted with gas masks in Newcastle on Saturday was Mrs. Hannah Kettlewell, of Westgate-road, Newcastle, who will be 103 next month.

Two A.R.P. volunteers visited her home and explained how the respirator should be fitted. Mrs. Kettlewell wore it several minutes.

She said she hoped to live many years yet.

twelve hours for A.R.P. Boy Scouts and business men with cars helped organise the mask rush.

In the Provinces

As in London, so in the provinces. Everywhere people with the will to be prepared.

In Birmingham the A.R.P. headquarters in Broad-street were besieged by volunteers and residents seeking advice on gas-proofing of rooms.

Hundreds of women attended the thirty-one first-aid posts set up in the city.

Lorry loads of gas-masks and Air Raid Wardens in cars left headquarters throughout the day to tour the various districts.

It is expected that nearly 2,000 will be trained in first-aid work in the city during the week.

"We have 116,000 gas-masks ready for use," Mr. B. D. Storey, acting town clerk of Norwich, told the *Daily Mirror*.

"This number is sufficient for everybody except children under four years. Special arrangements are, of course, being made by the Government to protect them."

The gas-masks are being stored in a disused school, but will not yet be issued.

Lord Hewart's Mask

About 240,000 masks, sufficient for the population of Cardiff, are available. Supplies arrived at the week-end.

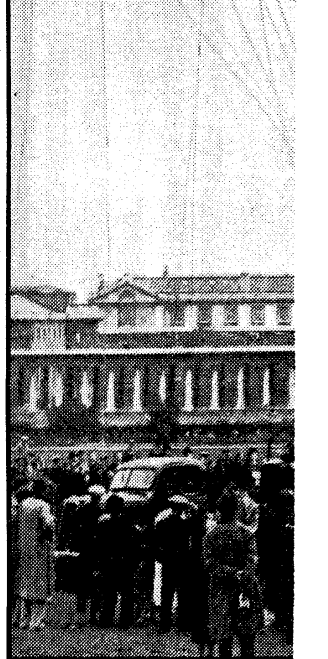
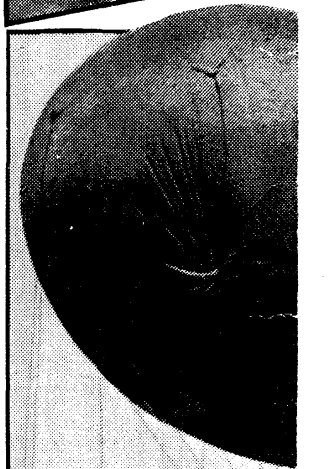
Further supplies for the outlying districts are expected to arrive to-day.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, and Lady Hewart were among the first of a large number of people who attended a Totteridge (Herts) centre for the fitting of respirators.

Evacuation of schoolchildren from London is being planned. Coach companies have been approached for their help.

A.R.P. plans will be intensified everywhere during the week.

Britain has shown her will to be prepared.



Men are wanted—1,200 to 1. Barrage up to strength. Auxiliary Air Force 901 Squadron. Hundreds watched. If war comes, they'll h London by raising "walls" You could help, too... ev this part of Britain's defence

Till They Meet Again

A good-bye kiss from a French girl for her sweetheart, one of the reservists called up in France's partial mobilisation, before his departure for the frontier.